

ABSTRACT

A loading ramp and replacement tailgate mechanism provided for installation and use in pickup trucks and like vehicles to facilitate the loading of motorcycles. The assembly would replace the existing tailgate, extending the bed and using the same hardware as the tailgate. The ramp consists of two telescoping sections and provides for self contained storage of the ramp when installed. The ramp pivots on the new tailgate structure as the load moves upwards on the ramp and eliminates the change in angle as it occurs at the juncture of the inclined portion of the ramp and the truck bed. The device provides for load sharing between the truck bed and sides. The device allows for installation and removal from the truck by one person without the use of tools.